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This application claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2002-238971 filed August 20, 2002.

At page 2, line 29 to page 3, line 3:

~~It has been impossible to conduct parallel~~ Parallel imaging according to the MS-DW-EPI technique has not been conducted. This is because when the imaging echoes are phase-corrected by the navigator echo, the phase originating from the sensitivity of the receiver systems is unnecessarily corrected, resulting in inconsistency with the sensitivity matrix.